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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Casper *[Signature]*

FROM : J. H. L. Sloan *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: DOCTOR V. M. SIM
DEPUTY MEDICAL DIRECTOR
EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MARYLAND

DATE: January 24, 1966

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Reference is made to memorandum Mr. Jones to Mr. DeLoach dated August 3, 1965, captioned as above, concerning Dr. Sim's visit to the Bureau on August 3, 1965. The purpose of Dr. Sim's visit was to discuss the field of riots and the methods that have been perfected to combat such disorders. During his visit Dr. Sim invited the Bureau to send a representative to the Edgewood Arsenal for a detailed tour and demonstration of various gasses which have been perfected.

ASAC H. K. Light's name was given to Dr. Sim as the Bureau's representative for this tour. By letter dated January 17, 1966, Dr. Sim wrote ASAC Light and invited him to come to Edgewood Arsenal the week of February 14, for the tour and demonstration. The schedule at Quantico is such that Light will be available on Thursday, February 17, 1966. Unless advised to the contrary, Light will make the necessary arrangements to go to Edgewood Arsenal on that date.

ACTION:

Unless advised to the contrary, ASAC Harold K. Light will visit the Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, to witness a demonstration of chemical agents on February 17, 1966.

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Edgewood, Maryland Arsenal

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Casper
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach

February 25, 1966

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McWright
1 - Office, 7133

Dr. Van M. Sim
Deputy Medical Director
Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland 21010

Dear Dr. Sim:

My associates, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Harold Light and Special Agents [redacted] have informed me of the courtesies extended to them during their visit to the Edgewood Arsenal facility on February 17, 1966.

The obligations of this Bureau regarding the internal security of the nation and the training of law enforcement officers make it essential that this Bureau be aware of research and developments in the use of chemical agents. Therefore, your kind offer of continued assistance is greatly appreciated. In accordance with your discussion with Special Agent McWright, he will periodically confer with you concerning these matters.

Please be assured of my desire to be of assistance in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Based on memorandum R. H. Jevons to Mr. Conrad dated 2/24/66, under the caption: DR. VAN M. SIM
DEPUTY MEDICAL DIRECTOR
EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MARYLAND
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Casper

DATE: February 21, 1966

FROM : H. L. Sloan

SUBJECT: DR. V. M. SIM
DEPUTY MEDICAL DIRECTOR
EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MARYLAND

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 24, 1966, which recommended and it was approved ASAC Harold K. Light visit the Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, for a tour and a demonstration of riot control agents.

On February 17, 1966, Light accompanied by Supervisors [redacted] from the Laboratory Division visited the Arsenal and spoke with Dr. Sim and a Major Ketchum, Medical Corps.

Relative to the use of chemical agents, the military has adopted CS gas, a more potent tear gas than CN, which is presently used by most law enforcement agencies. Tests made with CS indicated it has superior qualities as a repellant; it is less toxic and has a higher safety factor than CN. All major tear gas manufacturers are now producing CS for law enforcement agencies.

Edgewood Arsenal is also conducting tests on atropine, LSD and BZ compounds but it is not believed their use would be feasible on a large scale civil disturbance. The Laboratory Division contemplates continuing liaison with Edgewood Arsenal to keep abreast with new developments along these lines.

Dr. Sim advised they are in the process of writing a script for a riot control movie and on its completion will submit it to the Bureau for our review.

ACTION:

None . . . Informative. EX-104

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